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SUBJECT:ISRAEL ISSUE AT AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS' MEETING
AND ILO CONFERENCE

REF: A) GENEVA 2491; B) CAIRO 5842

1. MISSION SHOULD COMPARE NOTES ON AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS' MEETING WITH ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD BASED ON HIS VIEWS REPORTED REFTEL A AND EGYPTIAN ASSESSMENT REFTEL B. MISSION SHOULD TELL BLANCHARD THAT WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT FOLLOWING RECENT AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT IN CAIRO, AFRICANS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO FOLLOW ARAB LEAD ON ANTI-ISRAEL MEASURES IN MULTILATERAL MEETINGS. IN PARTICULAR, PLEDGES
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OF ASSISTANCE MADE BY SAUDI ARABIA AT AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT WILL GIVE A SPECIAL LEVERAGE ON AFRICANS TO SAUDI ARABIA WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AT A HIGH LEVEL AT ALMM AS AN OBSERVER. IN THIS VIEW, THE PROBLEM IS LESS QADAHAFI AND MORE OVERALL ARAB SOLIDARITY ON ANTI-ISRAEL ISSUES INCLUDING QUOTE CLOSING THE BOOK UNQUOTE AND ARTICLE 17

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LINKED TO ISRAEL, AND ARAB ABILITY TO LEAD THE AFRICANS.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT BLANCHARD AGREES WITH THIS APPRAISAL AND WHETHER HE EXPECTS STRONG ANTI-ISRAEL POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN AT THE ALMM WHICH WILL BIND ARABS AND AFRICANS AT THE ILO CONFERENCE IN JUNE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT OUTCOME HE WOULD EXPECT AT THE ILC IN THAT EVENT.

3. IN SEEKING BLANCHARD'S VIEWS, MISSION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE ONLY ASKING HIS ASSESSMENT AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF INFORMING OURSELVES ABOUT THE LIKELY COURSE OF THE ALMM AND THE ILO CONFERENCE. WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE BLANCHARD THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE ASKING HIM TO TAKE ANY ACTION OR THAT WE ARE CONSULTING HIM ON OUR OWN STRATEGY FOR THOSE MEETINGS.

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